Savannah State University
Savannah, Georgia

The One Hundred Sixtieth Commencement

Lux et Veritas

Sunday, May Fifth
Two Thousand Two

Two O'Clock P. M.
Tiger Arena
Savannah State University

Order of Procession

The Chief Marshal

The Class Marshals

Candidates for Master's Degrees

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Faculty Emeriti

The Faculty

The Presidential Party

The academic regalia, the academic processional, and the ceremonial program are part of an ancient tradition of learning. This tradition is a unified, solemn occasion at which only applause is appropriate.

The audience is asked to refrain from any other form of expression and to reserve celebrations until the program is concluded.

Order of Service

Dr. Carlton E. Brown, President
Presiding

PRELUDE ..... "Largo" .....Handel
Ms. Gwendolyn B. Taylor, Organist

*ACADEMIC PROCESSION ..... "War March of the Priests"...Felix Mendelssohn
Ms. Gwendolyn B. Taylor, Organist

INVOCATION .....Dr. Wymon Hodges
Pastor, Brownsville Baptist Church

Selection ..... "Sanctus"
Composer, Charles Gounod
Soloist, Rahsheim Wright
Director, Ms. Gwendolyn B. Taylor
The Savannah State University Concert Choir

INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM
GUESTS AND SPEAKER .....Dr. Carlton E. Brown

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS .....Ms. Ramona Gray
Research Chemist, Merch & Company, Inc.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR THE MASTER OF
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DEGREE .....Dr. George N. Williams
Dean of Graduate Studies and Research

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR THE MASTER OF
SOCIAL WORK DEGREE .....Dr. George N. Williams
Dean of Graduate Studies and Research

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN URBAN STUDIES DEGREE .....Dr. George N. Williams

CONFERRING OF MASTER'S DEGREES .....
Dr. Carlton E. Brown
Assisted by Mr. Benjamin J. Allen, Registrar
and Dr. Charles J. Elmore, Professor of Humanities

INTRODUCTION
OF UNDERGRADUATE DEANS .....Dr. Joseph H. Silver, Sr.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
College of Business Administration .....Dr. Mostafa H. Sarhan, Dean
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences .....Dr. Otis S. Johnson, Dean
College of Sciences and Technology . . .Dr. Kuppuswamy Jayaraman, Interim Dean

CONFERRING OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES . . . . . .Dr. Carlton E. Brown
Assisted by the Academic Deans,
Mr. Benjamin J. Allen, Registrar
and Dr. Charles J. Elmore, Professor of Humanities

PRESIDENT'S CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES . . . . . .Dr. Carlton E. Brown

ALUMNI INDUCTION . . . . . .Dr. Percy A. Mack
President, Savannah State University National Alumni Association

PRESENTATION OF NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS
TRAINING CORPS CANDIDATES
FOR COMMISSIONING . . . . . .General Walter Gaskin

COMMISSIONING OF OFFICERS
Reading the Commissioning Document . . . . . .Dr. George N. Williams
Dean, Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research
and Faculty Representative to NROTC

Administering the Oath of Office . . . . . .General Walter Gaskin

ALMA MATER* . . . . . .Ms. Gwendolyn B. Taylor, Organist

BENEDICTION . . . . . .Dr. Wymon Hodges

RECESSIONAL** . . . . . ."Pomp and Circumstance".....Sir Edward Elgar
Ms. Gwendolyn B. Taylor, Organist

Immediately after the recessional the Presidential Party and Faculty will greet guests at a reception in the Courtyard of the Howard Jordan Building, the College of Business Administration.

Savannah State College Hymn

J. Randolph Fisher and Hillary Hatchett

Let us give thanks and praise to Thee
To our Alma Mater, S.S.C.
Thine honor, pride, and eminence,
We raise in prayerful reverence.

Guide us still from day to day,
Be Thou mindful lest we lose our way;
Help us know that life, short or long,
Means unceasing work for weak and strong.

Refrain

Where Savannah meets the sea,
Where grassy plains and palms abound,
Where the Flow'rs are gems of loveliness,
There S.S.C. is found.
We adore each beauteous scene and hall,
Our all we pledge to Thee!
In our hearts we'll build a shrine for Thee
We hail Thee, S.S.C.!

*The audience is requested to stand.
**The audience is requested to sit and to remain seated until the recession has exited.

Master Degrees Conferred

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master of Public Administration

Donald Edwin Anderson . . . . . .Armstrong Atlantic State University
Curtis Ray Bean . . . . . .Savannah State University
Patricia Ann Edwards . . . . . .Savannah State University
!Jerald J. Flemming . . . . . .Iowa State University
Eillen Moore Hayes . . . . . .Savannah State University
Ramona D. Jeffries . . . . . .Gardner Webb University
Shaundra Deneen Smith-McKeithen . . . . . .Savannah State University
Garland Stephens . . . . . .Valdosta State University

Master of Social Work

Jacqueline Marsha Awe . . . . . .University of the West Indies
Shauna Nicole Bullock . . . . . .Georgia Southern University
Kim Yvette Burn . . . . . .Savannah State University
Mercedes S. Byrd . . . . . .Savannah State University
Kara Janel Holland . . . . . .San Diego State University
Kathy Louise Hooper . . . . . .University of Alabama at Birmingham
Brenda L. Jackson . . . . . .Savannah State University
Ariel Evelyn Katz . . . . . .Cornell University
Margo Ann King . . . . . .Savannah State University
Lula Ogunpola . . . . . .Savannah State University
Chester Felix Papineau, Jr. . . . . .Troy State University
Kimberly Miller Parker . . . . . .Fayetteville State University
Paulette Lane Parker . . . . . .Brewton-Parker College
LaTyris Monique Pugh . . . . . .University of Georgia
Shirley Lee Scales . . . . . .Brewton-Parker College
Yolanda Fisher Sharpe . . . . . .Savannah State University
Denise Burton Stanley . . . . . .East Carolina University
Shuntay Renee Strachan . . . . . .Campbell University
Deidré Cobb Tift . . . . . .Albany State University
Sylvia Annette Womack . . . . . .Savannah State University

Master of Urban Studies

Ruby Catherine Hall . . . . . .Savannah State University
Teah Latrell Jones . . . . . .Savannah State University
Robert Lee Speight . . . . . .Savannah State University

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Baccalaureate Degrees Conferred

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Accounting

Edward Sylvester Cox II . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
Quarnisha Nicole Davis . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
Kevin Graham . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
Tomeka RonChelle Hines . . . . . Screven, Georgia
*Felicia Dianne McDowell . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
Tiffany LaWanda Nabors . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
Uhura LeShawn Osborne . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
Sheri Denise Rouse . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
*Deborah Louise Stewart . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
Nicole Michelle Williams . . . . . Savannah, Georgia

Computer Information Systems

**Charlesetta Hall Blake . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
***Christopher Javon Brown . . . . . Marion, North Carolina
*Shetia Catrice Butler . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
Nakesha Wynette English . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
Leah Deléna Famble . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
Latasha Maria Hall . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
*Timothy Louis Ladson . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
*Leslie Anne Lewis . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
Luis Gerardo Marquez . . . . . Augusta, Georgia
*Kelicea Monique Meadows . . . . . Columbus, Georgia
Kendra Morenika Palmer . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
DeShonda Natisha Roundtree . . . . . Columbus, Georgia
Sheri Denise Rouse . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
Monica Felice Sibert . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
Antwain Derontay Turner . . . . . Stone Mountain, Georgia

International Business Management

Dieudonné Kwizera . . . . . Republic of Burundi

Management

Nomi Clarke . . . . . Brooklyn, New York
Louise R. Copeland . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
*Sharronica Joy Culver . . . . . Warrenton, Georgia
**Kimberly Denise Ellis . . . . . Savannah, Georgia

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!Jeffrey Frank Glazer . . . . . .Richmond Hill, Georgia
*Ingrid Mayuli Howard . . . . . .Hinesville, Georgia
Jarvis Demetrius Johnson . . . . . .Covington, Georgia
Ozell Lane . . . . . .Adel, Georgia
Andrea Y. Walker . . . . . .Walterboro, South Carolina
Selena Cassandra Wilson . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia

Marketing

*Prejeán L. Andrews . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia
Bridget Nicole Boles . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia
*Jajuana ShaRon Chisholm . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia
Kara Earlene Davis . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia
Latrell Shaneen Frazier . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia
Shaka Shiaye Shiente Hilton . . . . . .Covington, Georgia
Vantrel Androno Mainor . . . . . .Kingsland, Georgia
Jimmy Dwayne Simmons . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia
Bryant Cornell Thomas . . . . . .Covington, Georgia

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

English, Language and Literature

Brian Kiell Davis-Griggs . . . . . .Atlanta, Georgia
Kelia Shanae Hill . . . . . .Warner Robins, Georgia
*Christopher Kenyetta Middleton . . . . . .Moncks Corner, South Carolina

Mass Communications

Erica Annette Crawford . . . . . .Burton, South Carolina
Korey C. Gibson . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia
Aundre Antonio Lark . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia
*Christopher Kenyetta Middleton . . . . . .Moncks Corner, South Carolina
Dolorres Stefanie Morrison . . . . . .Lithonia, Georgia
Thomas Christopher Porter . . . . . .Augusta, Georgia
Shatealy Téona Sims . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia
*Alicia Joy Wallace . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia

Music

Sonja Denise Campbell . . . . . .Beaufort, South Carolina
Korey C. Gibson . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia

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History

James Johnson Rodd . . . . . .Ridgeland, South Carolina
Diane René Scott . . . . . .Atlanta, Georgia

Criminal Justice

*Larry Donell Brox . . . . . .Macon, Georgia
**Tracy Jerard Brumfield . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia
**Donna Elaine Long Davis . . . . . .Garden City, Georgia
**Steffani Danielle Ford . . . . . .Albany, Georgia
Stacy M. Goodridge . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia
Torijuano Khareem Harris . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia
Tijuana Larre-Ladale Manuel . . . . . .Decatur, Georgia
Tamesha Michelle McGee . . . . . .Goose Creek, South Carolina
Karien Shanique Nettingham . . . . . .Macon, Georgia
*Sylvester Osondu Ndubueze . . . . . .Abia State, Nigeria
Tonya R. Owens . . . . . .Beaufort, South Carolina
**Monica Shockley Porter . . . . . .Fort Steward, Georgia
Christopher Curtis Smith . . . . . .Millen, Georgia
Todd Franklin Young . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia

Political Science

Thomas C. Diggs . . . . . .Hampton, Georgia
*Virgil Lee Dortch III . . . . . .Powder Springs, Georgia
Byron Levell Mitchell . . . . . .East St. Louis, Illinois
**Vivien E. Harris Murphy . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia
Colleen Evette Williams . . . . . .Vidalia, Georgia

Sociology

Stacie Shakara Goodson . . . . . .Albany, Georgia
Brian Kiell Davis-Griggs . . . . . .Atlanta, Georgia
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Shawneequa LaShawnda Joyner . . . . . .Portwentworth, Georgia
Amethyst Janel Shortz . . . . . .Macon, Georgia
Thomasina Roberta Riggins . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia

Social Work

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Chanae Raylene Chase . . . . . .College Park, Georgia
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Patricia Ann Duncan . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia
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Ida Maria Jones-Beazer . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia
Sharmonique Latisha McDaniel . . . . . .Jacksonville, Florida
*Ebony Laprie McGriff . . . . . .Columbus, Georgia
Dell Maria Mitchell . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia
Delores Powell . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia
*Joyce Marie Scott . . . . . .Hinesville, Georgia
*Jeanette Christie Washington . . . . . .Savannah, Georgia

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Biology

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Reyderron Jamar Street . . . . . Douglas, Georgia
Terrence Sherrod Tate . . . . . Decatur, Georgia
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Computer Science Technology

*Kairsten La'Treace Jenkins . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
Keith Victor Lord . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
!Wennifer Powell . . . . . Savannah, Georgia
Kawunda Deneen Pryor . . . . . Macon, Georgia
*George Rashard Roberts . . . . . Pearson, Georgia
Toney Carey Thompson II . . . . . Savannah, Georgia

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Tiffany Nicole Simpson . . . . . College Park, Georgia

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***Jamal E. Jones . . . . . Nassau, Bahamas

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Honor Graduates

Summa Cum Laude
(3.75 ~ 4.00)

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Jared Zuri Dillet
Jamal E. Jones
Donna Elaine McDowell
Jeanne Marie Zimmerman

Magna Cum Laude
(3.40 ~ 3.74)

Charlesetta Hall Blake
Barbara Brisbon-Rivers
Tracy Jerard Brumfield
Donna Elaine Long Davis
Nysha Dionne Cosom Duncan
Kimberly Denise Ellis
Steffani Danielle Ford
Alisa Gail Harkins
Vivien E. Harris Murphy
Sandra Elaine Pagan
Monica Shockley Porter
Conshombia DeAndrey Tate

Cum Laude
(3.00 ~ 3.39)

Prejeán L. Andrews
Larry Donell Brox
Shetia Catrice Butler
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Sharronica Joy Culver
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The Significance of the Academic Mace

Observing the centuries-old convocation procedures, each Marshal in the Savannah State University Academic Procession carries an official mace which is indicative of the power, dignity, and magisterium vested in the University. The mace is a club-shaped staff that originated in the Middle Ages as a weapon. Eventually, it gained a ceremonial character and is presently employed most often by legislative forums and academic enterprises.

The official mace and stand of Savannah State University were designed and made from mahogany wood by Dr. Ernest S. Brown, Associate Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering Technology.

The University motto is "Lux Et Veritas" (Light and Truth).

Academic Costumes

Modern academic dress has evolved from a type of apparel prescribed by English Medieval Universities to distinguish their schools from the lay person in dress at a time when everybody wore robes or gowns. When American colleges and universities desired to adopt some suitable system of academic apparel a half century ago, it seemed best to agree on some definite system which all might follow. Accordingly, this attire has consisted of the cap, the gown, and the hood, the latter two now differing according to the degree the wearer has received.

The modern cap, in academic dress, has the same design for all degrees: black and square-shaped with a tassel hanging from the center. However, the color of the tassel usually differentiates the field of study for which the degree was granted, the gold tassel being worn by doctors or by presidents of colleges and universities; but it may be added that the black tassel is correct for all degrees.

The gown, unlike the cap, differs appreciably in design according to the degree conferred on the wearer. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves. It is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degrees, worn open or closed, has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, like the others. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front part has an arc cut away. The doctor's gown, worn open or closed, has long sleeves faced with velvet; three bars of velvet are midway the sleeves. The trimmings of the doctor's gown may be black or the color associated with the field of study.

The hood, while not an article of dress, is however, the most distinctive feature of the academic attire. It is a black, crow-shaped badge or adornment with an oval opening and worn down the back. It enables one to quickly determine not only the degree held by the wearer but also the college or university from which he is graduated. The colors lining the hood and the size and the shape of the hood make this distinction. The bachelor's and master's hoods are three feet and three and a half feet in length, respectively; the doctor's hood is four feet in length and is made with a wide panel. Hoods may be worn for only those degrees actually held by the wearers.

Members of the governing body of a college or university, and they only, whatever their degrees may be, are entitled to wear doctor's gowns (with black velvet), but their hoods may be only those of degrees actually held by the wearers or those especially prescribed for them by the institution.

In some colleges and universities, it is customary for the president, chancellor, or chief officer to wear a costume similar to that worn by the head of a foreign university.

The chief marshal may wear a specially designed costume approved by the institution.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, the color associated with different subjects as prescribed by the revised American Intercollegiate Code is as follows:

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Business	Drab
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Law	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Music	Pink
Oratory (Speech)	Silver Gray
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Physical Education	Sage Green
Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Work	Citron
Theology	Scarlet

At Savannah State University, the lining of the hood has an orange chevron on a blue background to represent school colors. A faculty member wears the color of his alma mater.

Notes

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